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1. claims: 1-30,38,39

Claims 1-20 refer to a lithographic printing blank comprising a coating deposited from aqueous fluid onto a substrate, the coating comprising polyvinyl alcohol, polyacrylic acid, hydrophobic water-based emulsion with pH of 7 or below, aminoplast and at least a wetting agent. Claims 21-30 refer to the method of preparing a lithographic plate using said blank. Claims 38-39 refer to a wet printing process using said lithographic printing plate in order to produce printed impressions.

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2. claims: 31-37

Claims 31-37 refer to an ink-jet ink comprising switchable material.

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